

Special Events

3rd Annual Speed Sitting

“Speed Sitting” helps parents find a babysitter for their child(ren) in just one hour. Each hour we will have twelve parents and twelve prospective babysitters. Every five minutes you will interview a new babysitter and at the end of an hour you will leave with the contact information for all twelve babysitters. If you are looking for some help over the summer or someone to watch your children for an occasional night out, this is an event not to be missed.

We are currently accepting reservations for a 6:00 p.m. start time (finishing at 7:00 p.m.) as well as a 7:15 p.m. start time (finishing at 8:15 p.m.). Interested parents and babysitters should contact Parks & Rec. at 775-7310 to pre-register.

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Date: 5/19

Fee: Free

Place: TBA

Singing and Signing Time with Ms. Janine at the Playground

Singer/Signer/Songwriter/Guitarist, Janine LaMendola “*Ms. Janine*” will be playing children’s music with sign language fun at Kids Kingdom this spring and summer. It doesn’t matter if you come with your infant, toddler or preschooler, or if you’re a teenager. You’re guaranteed to learn several signs and have fun at the same time! In case of bad weather please join her inside the Town Hall. A sign will be posted as to what room. All ages welcome!

Spring Session: Wednesday, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Dates: 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27 (4 wks)

Summer Session: Wednesday, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Dates: 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29 (4 wks)

Place: Kids Kingdom Playground, 100 Pocono Road

Fee: Free

Discount Tickets for Lake Compounce

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to purchase discount tickets to Lake Compounce Amusement Park in Bristol, CT. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning June 1 through August 24, and can be used for daily admission through September 2015. Price is \$27.50 for either adult or junior tickets. That’s over \$15.00 less than the price at the gate for adult tickets!

New ~ Free - The Great Brookfield Weight Loss Challenge

Looking for some motivation to make healthier choices this spring? Look no further! Healthy Weighs Wellness Center is hosting a **FREE** 30 Day healthy weight loss challenge for Brookfield residents age 18 and over. In order to participate, you must be overweight or obese according to your BMI (Body Mass Index). At the end of the 30 day challenge, winners will be calculated based on the contestants who lose the most healthy weight as a percentage of their body weight. (A healthy weight loss is no more than one percent of your body weight per week.) The initial weigh-in is on Monday, April 20 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Healthy Weighs Wellness Center. At that time you will be asked for an alias to use during the challenge to maintain confidentiality. The grand prize is a rowing machine valued at \$1,400, donated by Gym Source. Second and third place prizes will be awarded as well. Space is limited and registration is required by April 17, 2015 by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 203-775-7310. Complete guidelines and details will be emailed to you once registered.

“Drive In” Movie Series

Now on Friday night...come for the concert, stay for the movie! We're going to be reliving all of the excitement of the Danbury Drive In right here in Brookfield at the fourteenth annual drive in movie series. Bring your friends and family, along with blankets, chairs, and snacks. The show starts at dusk at Town Hall, and will be shown on a 10 x 10 foot video screen. Seating will be on the lawn in front of the bandstand. This event is free! A flyer detailing the movies will be sent through the schools in June and will also be available on our website. Sponsored by Brookfield Democrats.

Day: Friday

Time: Starts at dusk

Dates: 7/24, 8/7, 8/21

Fee: Free

Get Out of Town

Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty

Are you one of the 40% of Americans that have an ancestor who entered the country through Ellis Island? Over 12 million people passed through the island while it was in operation. Come discover the Ellis Island Immigration Museum's importance in America's history. Included is a 45 minute audio guide inviting visitors to relive the immigrant experience as if they were the new arrival. We'll also be making a visit to Liberty Island to view the Statue of Liberty up close (includes entrance into pedestal) and explore the grounds. Lunch is on your own, with cafeterias/food carts located on both islands. Leave Brookfield Town Hall at 7:00

a.m. and travel by coach bus to catch a ferry to both islands. Arrive back in Brookfield approximately 6:00 p.m.

Day: Saturday

Date: 5/16

Time: 7:00 a.m. departure

Fee: \$73.00 each adult, \$64.00 each child age 6-12

Block Island for the Day

Just seven miles long and three miles wide, this idyllic island is a great escape for a day! We'll be leaving Brookfield Town Hall at 6:30 a.m. and traveling by coach bus to Point Judith, RI where we will board a ferry for an hour long cruise to Old Harbor, Block Island. Old Harbor is designated a National Historic District with wonderful Victorian buildings. It is just a short walk from the ferry to the center of town. Upon arrival on the island enjoy free time among a variety of restaurants (have lunch on your own) and shops. Choose to relax on the beach, bike or watch the yachts go by. Expected arrival time back in Brookfield is 9:30 p.m.

Day: Saturday Date: 6/27

Time: 6:30 a.m. departure Fee: \$81.00

Horseback Riding Lessons

Brushy Hill Farm is a full service equestrian facility that takes pride in its warm and welcoming environment. The lesson program caters to students of all ages from beginners to seasoned veterans. Ev offers her lifetime of experience and extensive knowledge of the sport. Lessons are hand tailored for each rider's needs to ensure that everyone may achieve their goals and full potential. Closely supervised instruction in a safe and nurturing atmosphere will provide students with solid foundations, the necessary skills to communicate properly with their horse and become good horsemen. During each lesson, students will learn and practice basic horse care, grooming, tacking up, and correct terminology. In case of inclement weather, lessons will be held in an indoor ring. Register with the Parks & Recreation Office, and Brushy Hill Farm will contact you directly to set up a mutually convenient lesson time. Lessons begin the week of April 20th (or at your convenience) and meet weekly. Brushy Hill Farm is located in Southbury. Long pants and shoes with heel are recommended. Hard hats will be provided.

Fee: ½ hour private lessons

4 Pack \$200, 8 Pack \$380

1 hour private lessons

4 Pack \$240, 8 Pack \$460